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For: RANDOM ACCESS SLIDE STAINER WITH INDEPENDENT SLIDE HEATING
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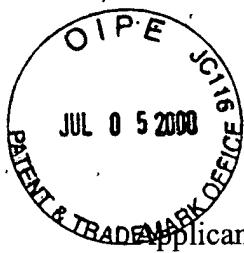
This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 19, 2000 in the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims.

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Transmitted herewith is _____ for filing in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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